

# **Programs and Issues Report Fourth Quarter October-December 2001**

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Since September 11<sup>th</sup>, our view of local issues has been re-examined. Information of importance to KCAL9 viewers is not only local, but also national and international. In all areas of this report, this is evident.

**PIER BODY****October 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that an investigation was underway in Venice after a body was found floating near the pier. Authorities say the body of a white man in his forties was found floating about 200 feet off the Venice pier. His identity is unknown.

**STABBING DEATH****October 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :42)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Sheriff's deputies say a man was stabbed to death in Saugus and the search for three men seen beating him continues. The man had been attacked on Creekside road in Santa Clarita. They found blood and minutes later a call came saying a body had been found.

**SEXUAL ASSAULT****October 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :27)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that authorities are looking for a second suspect in a series of sexual assaults in the East Los Angeles area. A sketch of the suspect was shown. The other suspect Jonathan Mendoza had already been arrested.

**ALLIANCE HIJACK****October 3, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:28)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that latest reports say that the Alliance Airlines jet that was hijacked landed safely in New Delhi. The flight was on a domestic flight from Bombay to New Delhi with 54 people onboard. Police are working to negotiate a surrender of the hijacker.

**FLIGHT DELAYED****October 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:18)**

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported a security scare at John Wayne Airport. A passenger was taken off a plane and the flight delayed for hours. A suspicious package was found inside the passenger's rental car.

**INFANT REMAINS****October 8, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:48)**

KCAL9 reporter Andre Moreau reported that LA detectives are investigating the death of a baby set on fire. The discovery was made in an industrial area on the East Side of Los Angeles.

### **BIN LADEN WHO'S**

#### **October 8, 303:30pm newscast (TRT :40)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that US officials have figured out who masterminded the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks. They put Osama Bin Laden at the top of the terrorist network. Ayman Alzawahari is his most trusted advisor and his military commander is Mohammed Atef.

### **COCKPIT INTRUDER**

#### **October 8, 12-3pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported there were some tense moments aboard an American Airlines flight. A man tried to get into the cockpit of a 767 jetliner but other passengers tackled him and held him for authorities. The man tried to storm the cockpit because he was deranged.

### **OFFICER DOWN**

#### **October 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:40)**

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported a LAPD officer was hit by gunfire near Marine Ave and F Street in Wilmington.

### **FBI LIST**

#### **October 10, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported there is a new "most wanted list" out. President Bush and the FBI announced there are 22 people on the list and Osama Bin Laden's name is just one of them.

### **PHILIPPINES HOST**

#### **October 12, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported it is now confirmed that Muslim extremists in the Philippines murdered a Southland man. The State Department says lab tests confirm skeletal remains found on Basilian Island are those of Guillermo Sobero of Corona.

### **THREAT ARRESTS**

#### **October 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:09)**

KCAL9 reporter Bryan Jenkins reported that bomb threats and other serious false alarms have been pouring into local law enforcement agencies ever since the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks. Investigator is now scrambling to find and punish those responsible..

**TRASH CAN BABY****October 16, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:45)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported the body of a baby was found in the Hollenbeck area. It's the second such discovery this month. The body was found at an apartment construction site. The investigation is ongoing but officials want people to know they won't be prosecuted if they take a baby to an emergency room.

**HATE CRIMES****October 16, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :47)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported the Los Angeles Police Commission's hate crimes task force held its first meeting this morning. Assemblywoman Judy Chu as guest speaker and says she got her start in politics because of hate crimes in Monterey Park.

**SYRIAN KILLED****October 19, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that police in Sylmar are searching for the killer of a Syrian born liquor storeowner. Ramez Younan was shot Wednesday night and investigators are now trying to determine whether Younan was the victim of a hate crime. No money was taken.

**WEST COVINA SUSPECT****October 19, 4-5PM newscast (TRT :40)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that police are hoping the public can help catch two men terrorizing young girls in West Covina. Authorities believe this man was involved in two of the cases on March 1<sup>st</sup> and another Wednesday morning near Vine and Pima Streets. Both times the suspect approached a young girl in his black Honda CRX and reached out to grab her. In each case the victim got away.

**RACERS BUSTED****October 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that the police are putting a halt to illegal street racing in Mira Loma. CHP officers issued 300 citations and busted hundreds of young people during crackdowns late Friday and Early this morning. They also impounded about 350 cars. Business owners are fed up with the vandalism left behind after one of these events.

**HIT AND RUN****October 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :30)**



KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported a 3 year-old girl was killed in a hit and run accident. Police need the public's help to find the driver responsible. Crystal Gaeta was playing at the intersection at Adams and Alsace when she was hit. Police say the driver did stop but then fled the scene. The girl died on the way to the hospital. The suspect was driving a brown truck.

### **AIRPORT GUN**

#### **October 24, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :32)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that a man boarded a southwest Airlines flight from New Orleans to Phoenix with a loaded gun, apparently by accident. The FBI says the man didn't realize the Derringer was in his briefcase until after the plane had left the ground. He turned the gun over to a flight attendant who gave it to the pilot to lock up. A security worker has been fired in connection with the incident.

### **FIREFIGHTER ANTHRAX**

#### **October 26, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:00)**

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported investigators are looking into three cases including one involving a fire captain where phony anthrax scares have everyone on edge. The threats are taken seriously and the suspects are being hauled into court.

### **GUARDSMAN/HOAX**

#### **October 26, 9-1035 newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported a National guardsman is in big trouble. Specialist fourth class Mike Garcia filed a false report saying he found a dangerous substance inside a military vehicle at his Massachusetts armory. The local DA is taking the hoax seriously.

### **CHURCH VANDALS**

#### **October 30, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported several statues at St. Augustine's school in Culver City were damaged. Police are trying to figure out who vandalized the school and church and why.

### **WHITTIER ROBBERY**

#### **October 30, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :25)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported there were two robberies both caught on tape in the Whittier area and police are asking the public to help catch the crooks.

**BRIDGES THERMAL****October 30, 9-10 newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that with the heightened alert, the CHP has new state of the art equipment that can catch terrorists in the act. The thermal imaging camera detects body heat so it helps officers see at night. It will be used to help patrol bridges and power plants around the state.

**FBI OC ALERT****October 30, 10-11PM newscast (TRT :34)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the terrorist warning has law enforcement on high alert. They are now identifying possible terrorist targets and figuring out how to protect them. Some targets are obvious, like, the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant, amusement parks, the airport and more. They have identified 11 potential targets and have plans in place for protecting them.

**HATE CRIME****October 31, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:16)**

KCAL9 Orange County reporter Michele Gile reported that police in Anaheim believe a southland man might have been the victim of a hate crime. Ahmad Alahmad's insurance office was vandalized and anti-Arab statements were painted on the wall. This was the second time since September 11<sup>th</sup> his office has been burglarized. Gile reports live from Anaheim.

**SLA PLEA****October 31, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:58)**

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported former fugitive member of the Symbionese Liberation Army, Sara Jane Olson surprised everyone by pleading guilty to trying to blow up LA police cars in 1975.

**GREEN RIVER****NOVEMBER 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 48)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a man was arrested that day in connection with the 1980's slayings of four women. Their deaths, believed to be part of the nation's worst unsolved serial killer spree. Authorities in Washington State arrested 52-year -old Gary Ridgeway. King County Sheriff Dave Reichert said Ridgeway had been linked to four of the victims, three through DNA tests. Reichert said Ridgeway would also be investigated regarding other unsolved deaths in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia.

**MINSKY SENTENCE****NOVEMBER 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :38)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported on a con man who preyed on unsuspecting women in the southland. Come sentencing day and Richard Minsky would live the rest of his life in prison. Minsky was convicted of coercing women into giving him money and sexual favors. He did this by convincing them that their loved one was involved in a hit-and-run or some crime, and that he wouldn't testify about what he saw. The judge praised victims for coming forward. Minsky received what amounts to a life sentence: 146 years.

**CHIEFS GRANDAUGHTER****NOVEMBER 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :24)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a reputed gang member had been ordered to stand trial in a murder that shocked the city. LA Police Chief Bernard Parks' 20-year-old granddaughter was gunned down in a car outside a mid-city fast-food restaurant. Samuel Shabazz Junior had been ordered to stand trial for murder, in a case that could get him the death penalty. According to police, Shabazz shot at a man who was with the Chief's granddaughter but hit the young woman instead. Pretrial hearings were scheduled.

**MAN HIT BY CARS****NOVEMBER 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :25)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a search as on for a hit-and-run driver who struck a man in Garden Grove and dragged him for nearly a mile to his death. Police said the 65-year-old man was struck at least twice. First by a woman who called 911 to say she may have run over a man near an off ramp of the Garden Grove freeway. A second driver struck the man, dragged his body into Stanton and drove off. Police said the man was walking home before dawn from a night on the town and may have stumbled in the street.

**POLICE BRUTALITY****NOVEMBER 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :27)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that there was a big uproar in Australia that night over a police beating caught on videotape. A police officer with an orange fence post beat a cowering suspect at the end of a high-speed chase in Brisbane. Police claimed the suspect pulled a knife on them. They said they first used pepper spray on him, but that didn't work. The suspect appeared in court that day. On the steps outside, his brother punched a reporter in the face, then stormed off.

**OLSON UPDATE**

**NOVEMBER 8, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :35)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Sarah Jane Olson would want to take back her guilty plea but prosecutors were fighting it. The District Attorney's office had filed papers in court objecting to her request to have her plea withdrawn. Olson was being prosecuted on charges of trying to bomb two LAPD cars in 1975 when she entered the plea. She then told reporters she was innocent, appeared in court a second time to agree to the plea and then later decided to try and withdraw it.

**HOTE FIRE ARRAIGNMENT****NOVEMBER 12, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :13)**

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that an explosion and fire at the Palomar Hotel killed two people and injured several others. Juan Ortiz and Joseph Lewellen heard the charges against them in a Los Angeles courtroom.

**ALLAWAY****NOVEMBER 13, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :34)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Edward Allaway killed seven people at Cal State Fullerton 25 years previous. He was found not guilty by reason of insanity. He said he was sane and wanted to be released from a mental facility. That day a hearing got underway in Santa Ana to determine if Allaway was sane enough to be released. This was the fourth bid for release. That time he had the backing of his doctors.

**SHEENWAY****NOVEMBER 15, 3-4pm newscast (TRT :26)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that Los Angeles police were on the hunt for a killer after the murder of a mother in South Central Los Angeles. 35-year-old Bertha Logan was gunned down in her office at the Sheenway School and cultural center. She died at the scene.

**POTTY TRAINING****NOVEMBER 19, 2-3pm newscast (TRT ::37)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a mother convicted in the death of one child was getting the chance to raise another. Sheryl Hardy and her husband were convicted of murder in 1989 after shoving their two-year old child headfirst into a toilet for soiling his pants. After serving nine years in prison Hardy was released and remarried and recently gave birth. The child was first put in Foster care but a judge had awarded Hardy custody saying she had been rehabilitated

**TEEN VIGIL****December 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :40)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a candlelight vigil was held in memory of a thirteen-year-old honor student who was killed at a south LA recreation center. The boy was in the gym taking part in an after school program when he was shot and killed. The suspects are still on the loose.

**ASHCROFT CANADA****December 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that US and Canada are working on border security. The two countries signed agreements to join forces in the war on terrorism. Attorney General John Ashcroft joined Canadian officials in signing a series of accords to share intelligence, improve security checkpoints and coordinate visa policies. The two countries share a 4,000 -mile border.

**BANK ROBBERIES****December 4, 8-9om newscast (TRT 1:51)**

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Leanne Suter reported there is a surge of bank robberies. It seems to happen regularly around this time of year just in time for the holidays. This year the police are looking for some brazen robbers.

**DOUBLE MURDER****December 4, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :40)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that argument turned deadly outside Gary's Sports Bar in Sylmar. A man and a woman were shot to death ant the suspect is behind bars facing murder and other charges. Zachary Mellon is suspected of carjacking and murder.

**WALKER TREASON****December 5, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 Dave Gonzales reported that a California man was captured in Afghanistan fighting for the Taliban. John Walker, 20, is getting medical care from US forces after being removed from a fortress near Masa e Sharif. His family is trying to have him brought back to the US but he may face charges of treason because he is an American.

**PULLUM SENTENCE****December 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :35)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Kevin Pullum was ordered 65 years to life for attempted murder. The sentence had been put off several months because he escaped from the Men's Central Jail. The



three strikes defendant was convicted of shooting a man six times in 1999. He still faces another trial for his escape in July.

### **ABORTION ANTHRAX**

#### **December 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dumpy reported they have tracked down the man suspected of sending hundreds of hoax anthrax letters to abortion clinics around the country. An employee at a Kinko's copy store in Cincinnati Ohio spotted him and called police. Clayton Lee Waagner is in jail. His face had been seen on posters across the country after making the FBI's most wanted list.

### **WOMAN CARJACKER**

#### **December 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:41)**

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that police need the public's help tracking down a pair of violent carjacking suspects. The suspects pulled a pregnant woman out of her car, shot her in the stomach and took off in the Compton area.

### **WHITE HOUSE ARREST**

#### **December 6, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported a man armed with a knife was taken into custody outside the White House. The secret service picked him up for questioning after someone noticed he was acting suspiciously. He told agents he had more weapons in his truck where they found an SKS assault rifle, a handgun, a Kevlar helmet and bulletproof vest.

### **RABBI ARRESTED**

#### **December 6, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :25)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a trusted teacher and rabbi is in custody accused of molesting children. Police are worried there may be more child victims. Mordechai Yomtov, a teacher at Hollywood's Cheder Menachem on Melrose Avenue, was arrested on suspicion of committing lewd acts with children. Three of the students told investigators they were kept in class and molested during recess. The victims are between eight and 10 years old.

### **WAR TODAY**

#### **December 6, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 2:00)**

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported the new head of the Afghanistan's provisional government says the Taliban is ready to surrender its final stronghold. There could be a hitch, because it's not clear Taliban leader Mullah Omar will be arrested as the US is demanding..



**SIKH ATTACK****December 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :35)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported a Liquor store employee who was beaten up earlier this week but not robbed. LA police are investigating the attack as a hate crime. The employee is a member of the Sikh faith. He claims two men came into the store asked him if he know Osama Bin Laden and beat him with metal pipes.

**OC RAPES****December 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :40)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported police in Orange County have put out a warning after the rapes of two women. Detectives say the women were raped after the suspect abducted the victims from local bus stops. Police released a composite of a thin Hispanic man about 20 years old who was driving a blue or green colored Plymouth voyager with no license plates.

**WALKER FATE****December 9, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :35)**

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that the 20-year-old American who fought with the Taliban is cooperating with US authorities. Authorities say the California Native John Walker has given the defense department some useful information, including intelligence on terrorist training camps. There is still no word if he will be prosecuted for treason.

**IMMIGRANT SMUGGLING****December 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :35)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that federal agents closed down The Golden State bus line. It is accused of making a large part of its money from helping to smuggle illegal immigrants into the US from Mexico. The company's assets were frozen and books seized and more than 30 employees indicted.

**SHOOTING SCHOOL****December 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a teenage girl is the victim of an apparent drive-by shooting outside Berendo Middle School near downtown LA. Police say they are looking for at least two suspects who opened fire on rival gang members but instead shot the girl in the leg. She is being treated for a superficial wound.

**MURDER REWARD****December 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :29)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a 25,000-dollar reward has been offered to help solve a killing in North Hollywood. Javier Cisneros was gunned down and detectives believe a suspect of suspects had expressed an interest in purchasing his motor home. He was robbed and killed.

**GOOD SAM KILLING****December 11, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :38)**

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported two people were killed by a hit and run driver including a Good Samaritan. The CHP is asking for the public's help to hunt down the driver. It happened last night on the Pomona freeway in the city of Industry when 21-year-old Richard Preciado stopped his disabled vehicle on the side of the freeway. A Good Samaritan, 39-year-old Kenneth Bruce of El Monte stopped to help and moments later they were both struck by a driver that kept on going.

**MOUSSAOUI INDICT****December 11, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :40)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that Zacarias Moussaoui, a Moroccan national, is accused of conspiring to kill thousands of Americans and of working with Osama Bin Laden's terrorist network, Al Qaeda. This is the first indictment handed down directly related to the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks.

**FATAL PURSUIT****December 12, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:41)**

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported 46-year-old computer specialist Nathaniel Kendricks is the latest victim caught in the middle of a police pursuit with fatal results. The deadly crash happened shortly after nine in downtown Los Angeles.

**JDL ARRESTS****December 12, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:48)**

KCAL9 reporter Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that Jewish Defense League members Irv Rubin and Barry Krugel are behind bars. The FBI says it stopped them before they could carry out a plot to bomb southland buildings. Among the targets was a Mosque, the Muslim Affairs council and the office of a congressman.

**METH LAB BUST****December 13, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :37)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that two women were arrested for a making Meth and their "super lab" was busted in Lancaster. Investigators say they had been watching this large-scale operation for some time. They found gallons of meth solution worth millions as finished product on the street and manufacturing paraphernalia.

**BARRERA SENTENCING****December 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:28)**

KCAL9 reporter Josh Rubenstein reported that Marco Barrera was sentenced to death for the starving beating and murder of two of his young children. He also forced his other children to help bury them in the mountains.

**MICKY THOMPSON****December 13, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :45)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that 14 years after legendary racecar driver Mickey Thompson was gunned down, an arrest has been made. Michael Goodwin is being held on two counts of murder and one count of conspiracy and three counts of special circumstances. Prosecutor's say he plotted with two men while he lived in Laguna Beach to have the Thomson's killed. Mickey and his wife Trudy were shot to death in front of their Bradbury home in March of 1988.

**STOLEN BUS****December 17, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:40)**

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that a suspect lead police on a pursuit in a stolen MTA bus. The pursuit started in Hawthorne and ended hours later in a standoff in Buena Park.

**SCHOOL MOLESTER****December 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :44)**

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that a San Marino High School coach is accused of molesting a teenager. Patrick Gillan, 36, is a girl's varsity basketball coach. Police say he sexually molested a 17-year-old team member. He denies the charges and is on paid leave during the investigation.

**AFGHAN MONEY****December 18, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:41)**

KCAL9 reporter David Goldstein took viewers inside a counterfeit check ring. An informant came clean with all the details of a multi-million

dollar operation here in the southland and the feds busted one man while following the money trail to Afghanistan.

### **REVENGE SHOOTING**

#### **December 19, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a Redondo Beach man will spend a year in jail for shooting a man he thought had raped his wife. It started when a woman told her husband and police that a man had followed her from a bar and raped her. Based on a composite sketch, Anthony Joseph Strait tracked down the man in a Hermosa Beach bar. He followed him into the restroom and fired a single shot into his backside. The woman later admitted to having had consensual sex. Strait will also be on probation for three years.

### **HOMICIDE HELP**

#### **December 20, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:39)**

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that someone shot and killed 18-year-old André Morgan last November. Police believe there was one gunman but others may have helped the suspect get away. Detectives have now released a description in hope of catching those responsible. Jay reports live from Inglewood.

### **HATE CRIME PRESSER**

#### **December 20, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :27)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that the number of hate crimes reported in southern California is way up over last year. In the aftermath of the terrorist attacks in September, 169 crimes against Muslims and Middle Eastern people were reported. Most were hate crimes and the rest were criminal threats or vandalism. A public service campaign is being voiced by celebrities to encourage people to think before they act. Ben Stiller and Benicio del Toro are among the stars to be featured.

### **UC IRVINE ARREST**

#### **December 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:29)**

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that in a shocking case, an arrest has been made of a UC Irvine student who is accused of assaulting a young girl and cutting swastikas into her face.

### **PARENTS DRUNK DRIVING**

#### **December 21, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 anchor Jaime Garza reported that LA's city attorney says he will file child endangerment charges against anyone arrested for drunken driving with a child passenger in the car. 25 percent of fatal crashes

involving children were alcohol related over the last decade. 68 percent of those involved a child in the vehicle of a drunken driver.

### **AZUSA MURDER**

#### **December 25, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:13)**

KCAL9 reporter Josh Rubenstein reported an Azusa man was shot and killed in front of his home while his family was hosting a Christmas Eve party. Investigators are looking to the public for clues.

### **CHP OIS**

#### **December 26, 3:30pm newscast (TRT :40)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a routine traffic stop ends in gunfire and two people are in custody including a 14 year-old boy. The CHP stopped the suspect for a traffic violation in Santa Fe Springs. When the officer got off his motorcycle, the suspect tried to run him down. The 22-year-old driver was shot and the 14 year-old was treated for a minor leg injury. The officer was not hurt.

### **GIRLS SHOT**

#### **December 27, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:27)**

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported that one 11-year-old girl is dead and another recovering after being caught in the crossfire of a suspected gang shooting in Hawthorne.

### **HAIR ATTACKS**

#### **December 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :31)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that police in long beach have a bizarre case on their hands. A man is grabbing girls and women from behind and cutting off their hair. The assailant is targeting women with long hair. He has attacked at least four women in 10 days. Police released a sketch and need the public to be on the look out for him.



**CLINTON DISBARRED****October 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that former president Bill Clinton says he will put up a fight before he loses his license to practice law before the Supreme Court. The high court disbarred him and gave him 40 days to say why it should not be permanent. The order means the former president could not argue a case before the Supreme Court if he should ever return to private law practice. In April, his Arkansas law license was suspended for 5 years and he paid a 25,000-dollar fine.

**MORE FROM AFGHANISTAN****October 1, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 3:10)**

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported that the leaders of the Taliban say they know where Osama Bin Laden is and have him under control. Earlier they claimed they could not find him to deliver a suggestion that he leave Afghanistan. The Taliban's ambassador even went so far as to call on the US to negotiate, not retaliate with attacks.

**GUILIANI SPEAKS****October 2, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:44)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani made an impassioned speech to the UN general assembly. He urged the delegates to take direct action against terrorists.

**RUMSFELD SAUDI****October 3, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 Sylvia Lopez reported defense secretary Donald Rumsfeld is in Saudi Arabia today. It's the first stop on a four-nation tour aimed at maximizing pressure on the Taliban regime in Afghanistan. His other stops will be in Oman, Egypt and Uzbekistan.

**FEINSTEIN VISAS****October 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :40)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported senator Dianne Feinstein may back off a call to suspend student visas if school pledge to do a better job of tracking foreign students.

**EUROPEAN REACTION****October 8, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:04)**



KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported that the last time the European Union's leaders met in Brussels on September 21<sup>st</sup> they agreed that America had every right to make a response against terrorism. Now that it's come to military action, they have reiterated their entire solidarity.

### **GOVERNOR SAT INTVU**

#### **October 8, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that in an interview Governor Gray Davis says California is preparing for the worst and hoping for the best. He said additional personnel are guarding the state's water projects, the aqueduct, dams, bridges, electricity grids and power plants.

### **AID DROP**

#### **October 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :25)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that planes loaded with food continue to drop thousands of packets of meals into Afghanistan. Administration officials admit much more is needed to head off starvation. Each of the 37,000 packets of food contain two meal valued at more than four dollars. That's three weeks salary in that country.

### **ISLAMIC CONFERENCE**

#### **October 2, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :25)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported an emergency meeting of the organization of the Islamic Conference was held in Qatar. Afghanistan's seat has been empty at the grouping since the Taliban seized power. With US bombs targeting Afghanistan, the Taliban's former friends and their enemies struggled with the right message to send.

### **NAT'L GUARD PAY**

#### **October 13, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :22)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia lee reported there is good news for military reserves worried about their income if they are called up. LA Mayor Jim Hahn signed an ordinance that would guarantee city employees the difference in their wages. Hahn says the city stands behind the men and women who serve in the military reserves and who are ready to leave their families and jobs in order to serve their country.

### **POWELL TO PAKISTAN**

#### **October 14, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :15)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that secretary of state Colin Powell is on a trip that will take him to Pakistan and India. It's a mission with two goals. First to thank those countries for supporting anti-terror efforts and also to try to calm tensions between them over control of Kasmir from complicating those efforts.

### **HIJACKING TAPES**

#### **October 16, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:10)**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reports that transcripts from the cockpits of the hijacked planes from air traffic controllers have been released. The New York Times reports some of the conversations between the hijacked pilots in the air and the controllers on the ground sketching out the final moments before the commercial jets crashed in New York, Washington DC and Pennsylvania.

### **DAYS DEVELOPMENTS**

#### **October 19, 3-4pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that defense secretary Donald Rumsfeld says the US military is coordinating with anti-Taliban forces on the ground. He would not confirm that ground troops are being used although some military officials say they are. Afghanistan's Taliban regime is challenging Washington DC to send in 100,000 more troops.

### **BUSH TODAY**

#### **October 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that President Bush wrapped up his meeting with Pacific Rim leaders in Shanghai, China today. Bush was overseas for the Asia Pacific Economic Conference. He told reports he continued to build support for his campaign against terrorism. Following the meeting Bush met with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Both may say the terrorist attacks have unified the two nations.

### **BUSH TAXES**

#### **October 24, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :32)**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that President bush said that the federal government is ready to spend 60 billion dollars to help the nation recover from the shock of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks. Now he says its time for extra tax cuts.

### **LABONGE RACE**

#### **October 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :15)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that tom Labonge easily won the 4<sup>th</sup> district's city council seat walking away with nearly 62 percent of the vote in the runoff election against Beth Garfield.

### **TERRORISM LAW**

#### **October 24, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :28)**

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that the House gave the okay to new powers to combat terrorism by an overwhelming vote. Next the senate will vote and it could get passed as early as tomorrow.

### **WARRIOR COUNCIL**

#### **October 24, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:30)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that an unprecedented gathering of exiled Afghan leaders took place. They are meeting to workout plans for a post-Taliban government. A group of 800 Afghans met in Peshawar, Pakistan. They included exiled military commanders, religious leaders, moderate Taliban and supporters of the exiled king.

### **WAR TODAY**

#### **October 26, 10-11 newscast (TRT 1:38)**

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported that it appeared the Taliban and the Al Qaeda terrorist organization have been more effective so far in eliminating their enemies in Afghanistan, than the United States has been. While the hunt for Osama bin Laden is going nowhere, the Taliban has eliminated an opposition leader for the second time in two months.

### **UNHCR OVERWHELMED**

#### **October 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:38)**

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that as thousands of refugees flood the border between Pakistan and Afghanistan, aid workers for the United Nations are facing a litany of problems. More than 150,000 are expected to cross into southwest Pakistan, but they may not have the shelter they seek. The approved refugee camp at the border crossing lacks running water and has makeshift toilets and simple tents. Pakistan has been reluctant to build new camps or expand existing ones. It already cares for two million afghan refugees.

### **POPE ARAFAT**

#### **October 30, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :31)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that Yasser Arafat was given an audience with the Pope. The two met at Vatican City to discuss the state of Palestinian and Israeli relations. Arafat said he welcomed the

pullout from Bethlehem and Beit Jala and urged Israeli withdrawals from the four other Palestinian occupied towns.

### **SADDAM LETTER**

#### **October 30, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported a spokesman for Iraqi president Saddam Hussein said America's war in Afghanistan could spread. He called the war a spark that could set the world on fire and he urges other countries to help defeat the United States.

### **ZINE COMMISSION**

#### **October 30, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:38)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that there was more fallout from comments made by LA city Councilman Dennis Zine. The LA Police Commission is condemning Zine's comments about Police Chief Bernard Parks comparing him to Osama Bin Laden.

### **MAHONEY/PAKISTAN**

#### **October 31, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:00)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Cardinal Roger Mahoney called on the government of Pakistan to punish those who stacked a Christian church there. Sixteen people were killed at a Roman Catholic Church in Eastern Pakistan. Nine others were injured.

### **WAR TONIGHT**

#### **NOVEMBER 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :11)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that tribal fighters, with the backing of American air strikes were reportedly moving closer to Kandahar. But the US had a different target, the leaders of Al Qaeda and the Taliban.

### **WAR TONIGHT**

#### **NOVEMBER 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :22)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Kandahar was the last major city in Afghanistan where the Taliban were still clinging to power. Anti-Taliban forces said they had seized tanks and heavy weapons near the Kandahar airport, where eighty Taliban fighters surrendered without a fight.

### **WAR TONIGHT**

#### **NOVEMBER 5, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :22)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that on the battlefield tribal fighters battled Taliban forces near the airport outside Kandahar, as they closed in on the city where the Taliban would make its last stand.

Supreme Taliban Leader Mullah Muhammed Omar was calling on his followers to fight on, calling it an opportunity to achieve martyrdom.

### **BONN TALKS**

#### **NOVEMBER 5, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :33)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that it appeared that night the talks to settle the future of Afghanistan was running into roadblocks. The meetings were underway in Germany under the banner of the United Nations. The Northern alliance is rejecting the creation of an outside force to keep the peace that was something the UN believed would be necessary.

### **WAR TODAY**

#### **NOVEMBER 8, 3-4pm newscast (TRT:13)**

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that US Marines in Afghanistan were already seeing action. Helicopter gunship attacked an armored convoy that day which included tanks and combat vehicles mounted with guns. The Marines were not sure whether the Convoy belonged to the Taliban. The attack took place near a new allied base being set up near the Talibans last stronghold of Kandahar.

### **AFGHAN MARINES**

#### **NOVEMBER 12, 3-4pm newscast (TRT :17)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that the few and the proud were on the ground in Afghanistan. The first Marines to hit land were from Camp Pendleton. The same unit that fended off small arms fire in late October to recover an army helicopter near the Afghanistan Pakistan border.

### **WAR LATEST**

#### **NOVEMBER 15, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :13)**

KCAL9 reporter Dave Goldstein reported that the marines had established a foothold within striking distance of the Taliban stronghold of Kandahar. The deployment was a major shift in a war that until then it had been fought mostly from the air.

### **WAR TODAY**

#### **NOVEMBER 19, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :19)**

KCAL9 reporter David Goldstein reported that the Taliban was vowing to stand its ground but the northern alliance said they would drive them out of Kandahar. The alliance said that it was one step in destroying Osama Bin Laden's Al-Quaeda network.



**ELECTION FOUL UP****NOVEMBER 21, noon-1pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that San Bernardino County supervisors had ordered a recount of the November sixth election by hand. A computer error was discovered election night. A full computer recount was done. That recount changed the results in 13 county races. Supervisors said they had confidence in the recount but still wanted it done again by hand. San Bernardino used the punch card ballot, a similar system to the one used in Florida during the presidential election. The hand recount was expected to take at least four weeks.

**COMPTON BALLOT****NOVEMBER 22, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that Eric Perrodin won the Compton Mayoral election. Nearly 30 thousand ballots were re-counted and investigators said they found no evidence of fraud. A judge ordered the ballot review after former mayor Omar Bradley claimed that counterfeit ballots were used in the June 6<sup>th</sup> election. Bradley filed a civil suit against the city, claiming voter fraud.

**AFGHANISTAN LATEST****December 2, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :35)**

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that the Taliban is moving reinforcements into Kandahar. A US military source says this could indicate the Taliban will uphold its promise to fight to the death.

**PARKS BASHING****December 3, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported community leaders and elected officials gave LA Police Chief Bernard Parks a show of support. The group called on the police protective league to stop bashing the chief.

**DAVIS/MEXICO****December 3, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :25)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that governor Gray Davis met with President Vicente Fox in Mexico City. The two leaders discussed the need for increased security along the US Mexican Border. They also talked about ways to cut down long waits motorists have to endure before entering either country.

**RIDGE HOMELAND SECURITY****December 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :19)**



KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the Bush administration is warning the country that the terror alert is not over. Homeland security director Tom ridge says Americans need to be on the highest alert, especially for the nest two weeks during the days of the Muslin holy month of Ramadan,.

### **PURPLE HEART CEREMONY**

#### **December 6, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :45)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that another serviceman was honored and praised for his service to the country. Air force special operations command airman, staff sergeant Mike received the purple heart at a ceremony in fort Walton beach, Florida.

### **PEARL HARBOR**

#### **December 4-5pm newscast (TRT :50)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that people across the country are commemorated the anniversary of Pearl Harbor. President Bush compared the attack to what happened on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Thousands of sailors and 25 Pearl Harbor survivors were on hand.

### **POWELL IN RUSSIA**

#### **December 10, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :40)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that two cold war foes are becoming stronger allies as the battle to root out the hot spots of terrorism continues. Secretary of State Colin Powell was in Russia and said the war on terrorism is bringing the two countries closer together.

### **PRIMARY ELECTION**

#### **December 10, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :38)**

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that for the first time in 30 years there is a city Council election for the 2<sup>nd</sup> district that doesn't feature the name Joel Wachs. Three people are running to replace him. They are Tony Cardenas, Wendy Greuel and James Cordaro.

### **OMAR'S COMPOUND**

#### **December 11, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:45)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that American forces in Afghanistan have not been able to find Taliban leader Mullah Omar, but they have found his home and it was surprising to see the level of showy opulence on one ever imagined.

### **ELECTION FOLO**

#### **December 12, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that there will be a runoff for City Council in the 2<sup>nd</sup> district. Tony Cardenas will face Wendy Gruel. Neither candidate got more than 50 percent of the vote.

### **BUSH/EXEC PRIVALEGE**

#### **December 13, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :25)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that President bush has invoked executive privilege for the first time. He does not want congress to see documents from the attorney general's office. The papers concern decisions prosecutors have made over the years including the investigation into former President Bill Clinton's fun raising. The president says he doesn't think confidential advice given to the attorney general should be made public.

### **EMBASSY INTERIOR**

#### **December 18, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that the American flag went up at the US embassy in Kabul. Many were surprised to see it remained fairly unaffected by the political chaos that surrounded it.

### **WAR TODAY**

#### **December 19, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:42)**

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported that US forces are helping anti-Taliban Afghans clear caves one by one in the Tora Bora region of eastern Afghanistan. It was the last bastion of the Al Qaeda before the group fled the area.

### **ARGENTINA RIOT**

#### **December 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported Argentina's president declared a state of siege after a day of looting and violence around the country. Angry workers tool to the streets of Buenos Aires to protest the government's handling of the economy.

### **LIEBERMAN/MCCAIN**

#### **December 20, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:38)**

KCAL9 anchor Jaime Garza reported that Senators Joe Lieberman and John Mc Cain are calling for an independent search for the truth. They have asked for a commission to find out why an earlier report warning of just such an attack as September 11<sup>th</sup> was ignored.

### **HAMAS SUICIDE ATTACK**

#### **December 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:44)**

KCAL9 reporter Dave Gonzales reported that two militant Islamic groups, Hamas and Islamic Jihad both say they are suspending their campaigns of suicide bombings against Israel this announcement could allow the US to get the two sides back to the bargaining table.

### **KABUL PREPS**

#### **December 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :15)**

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that preparations have been underway in Kabul before the swearing in of Afghanistan's interim government. It will be headed by Prime Minister Hamid Karzai.

### **WAR TONIGHT**

#### **December 24, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:38)**

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported that for the first time we are seeing all of Bin Laden's latest videotape. He boasts and threatens but in the end he leaves lots of questions.

### **WAR LATEST**

#### **December 23, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :25)**

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reports that it was an historic day in Afghanistan as the country's new cabinet met for the first time.

### **WAR TONIGHT**

#### **December 25, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:50)**

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported that it might be one of the most religious of holiday but America is still at war and there were threats circulating of a possible terrorist attack of some kind during the holiday. Everyone was still alert in Afghanistan.

### **INDIA PAKISTAN**

#### **December 27, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :35)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that tensions are escalating between India and Pakistan. India accuses Pakistan of not doing enough to track down those responsible for the attack on the parliament complex. Official say India is continuing to deploy more troops to guard its borders with Pakistan.

### **WAR TONIGHT**

#### **December 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:38)**

KCAL9 political reporter Dave Bryan reported that Afghani sources say Osama Bin Laden may have paid a hefty sum to a Pakistani tribesman for his safe passage out of the country. The White House is shrugging off that report. They say they will capture him no matter where he is.

**PARENTAL STRESS****October 1, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :25)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported a new study is linking asthma to family stress. Medical researchers are finding that children of new parents who have trouble adapting to family demands are twice as likely to develop asthma by the time they reach school age. Stress may weaken the child's immune system.

**YOUNG DRIVERS****October 3, 2-2pm newscast (TRT 1:59)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that getting a driver's license is one of the most exciting events in a teenager's life, but can also be one of the most hazardous. Most states are trying to make this a public health issue and they have recently adopted a graduated licensing program.

**DEPRESSED AMERICANS****October 5, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:07)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that depression is one of the lingering side effects from last month's terrorist attacks. Experts say it's understandable. The nation has gone through something that was unthinkable until September.

**ANTHRAX DEATH****October 8, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :47)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported a Florida man infected with an extremely rare and lethal form of anthrax has died. Palm beach doctors say 63-year-old Robert Stevens died of cardiac arrest. He had been hospitalized with an inhaled form of the disease.

**CIPRO BIOCHEM****October 8, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :27)**

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that the public and even some doctors are stockpiling an antibiotic used to treat anthrax. Cipro is a hot seller at pharmacies. The demand is so strong that some stores are running out. A one-day supply costs two dollars and 50 cents. It must be taken quickly after infection and continued for 60 days.

**ANTHRAX LATEST****October 8, 9-10pm (TRT 1:37)**

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that the anthrax death of a Florida man is taking a disturbing turn. The germ was also found in the nose of a co-worker at a tabloid where they were both employed and officials think the men may have been deliberately infected.

### **ANTHRAX TONIGHT**

#### **October 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:41)**

KCAL9 reporter Andre Moreau reported that investigators say they have an idea where this strain of anthrax originally came from. They believe it is not from south Florida but a laboratory in Iowa. They also say all three victims may not have been exposed from the same source.

### **POSSIBLE BIOHAZARD**

#### **October 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:55)**

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported live from Irvine where Hazmat teams have been working to determine what was the powder found at a high tech company. The mysterious powder was found around a worker's cubicle and officials are awaiting test results of that substance.

### **PROTEIN DIET**

#### **October 10, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 2:20)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that the high protein diets millions of Americans try might help in the short term. The American Heart Association says long term, you are doing yourself some serious damage.

### **DISASTER COPING**

#### **October 12, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:36)**

KCAL9 reporter Andre Moreau reported the terrorist attacks on the world trade center and the anthrax scare have left a lot of people on the edge. Cedars Sinai Medical Center is holding a symposium with tips on how to get through the crisis.

### **DRUG/ANTHRAX**

#### **October 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:26)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that since the anthrax scare started, Cipro has become a drug in demand. The Bush administration is asking for hundred of millions of dollars to fight bioterrorism with part of the request earmarked to expand the nation's pharmaceutical stockpile.

### **MAIL ANTHRAX**

#### **October 12, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :33)**



KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that the California Highway Patrol is teaching seminars for state workers on precautions you can take to be safe. They tell us if you come across a powdery substance in an envelope, leave it right there, wash your hands and call police.

### **ANTHRAX TONIGHT**

#### **October 12, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:09)**

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson and Sandra Mitchell team cover the nationwide mail scare triggered when a letter addressed to anchorman Tom Brokaw proved to have anthrax.

### **CDC FLU VACCINE**

#### **October 16, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :34)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that as flu season is coming up Americans are being urged to get their shots. Federal health officials say the elderly and people with medical problems should be vaccinated this month. They claim inoculations could save thousands of lives. Seventy-nine million doses of flu vaccine are expected to be available this year.

### **HOME TEST ANTHRAX**

#### **October 19, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a Maryland company called Tetracore says it makes the only commercially available field test for anthrax. While you can't see or smell the potentially deadly bacteria, these threat alert strips reportedly can. The test looks like a home pregnancy kit and can detect anthrax and other biohazards and process the results in 15 minutes.

### **DECO GEL**

#### **October 19, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :45)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported a safe way to fight anthrax. Scientists at a New Mexico lab say they are producing decontamination foam that cleans areas infested with anthrax spores. The foam neutralizes chemical agents and kills biological ones.

### **IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME**

#### **October 19, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported a new study offers some advice for people who are suffering with a particularly debilitating and embarrassing ailment. It's irritable bowel syndrome or IBS, and people afflicted with it suffer from all kinds of intestinal discomfort. A study published in Europe shows that if patients cut down on the intake of dairy products their symptoms are reduced.



**THE LATEST****October 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:10)**

KCAL9 anchors Dave Clark and Leyna Nguyen reported on the latest in the anthrax list that grows longer each day. A DC postal worker is described as gravely ill. He suffered from the inhaled form of anthrax. Five other postal workers are showing symptoms and are waiting on the test results. The House and Senate office buildings on Capitol Hill remain closed until testing is completed.

**IRRADIATING MAIL****October 24, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :26)**

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported there's a new look at the post office as the service deals with anthrax threats. Employees are wearing gloves and masks as they sort mail: A new line of defense against the bacteria sent by bioterrorists.

**BIOTERRORISM****October 24, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :40)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that California medical professionals are preparing for the unexpected and learning what to do if people here are targets of bioterrorist attacks. 150 emergency medical professionals met at the veteran's hospital in long beach for a special training seminar. Many doctors, even those trained in infectious diseases say they have never seen a case of anthrax or smallpox.

**TODDLER VACCINE****October 26, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :25)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported encouraging news about a new vaccine for children. A recent study shows it can prevent the bacteria that cause meningitis. There has been a vaccine for adults and older children but this new vaccine is for toddlers and was just approved two years ago.

**ANTHRAX LATEST****October 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that another government facility tested positive for anthrax. This time it was a mail processing area for the justice department. Samples from a variety of locations within the suburban Maryland facility tested positive for the microbe.

**VITAMIN C HEART****October 30, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :25)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that vitamin c may do more than keep you from getting a cold. It may help people with heart problems. New research found vitamin c therapy helps heart failure patients by improving the function of their blood vessels.

### **CATTLE ANTHRAX**

#### **October 30, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported nearly two-dozen cattle are dead after what is being called California's worst anthrax outbreak in 17 years. Officials stress the deaths were not related to terrorism. The 21 cows and bulls died between October 20<sup>th</sup> and October 28<sup>th</sup> in a remote area of Santa Clara County near San Jose.

### **ANTHRAX TONIGHT**

#### **October 30, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:40)**

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reports on new concerns about the spread of anthrax. Health officials confirm a New York City hospital worker is in critical condition with inhaled anthrax.

### **GENE SILENCING**

#### **October 30, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :40)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported on what is being called a scientific breakthrough in genetic plant research. A graduate student at UC Davis has developed a walnut tree that fights off a disease called Crown Gall. The disease actually injects plants with its own DNA creating tumors and eventually choking the plant to death. Now the student, Matt Escobar, had genetically engineered plants to recognize that bad DNA and reject it. This process is called gene silencing.

### **ANTHRAX TODAY**

#### **October 31, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:48)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that the death toll in the anthrax scare has risen. The supply room worker died before investigators could talk to her.

### **ANTHRAX**

#### **November 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that bar code data had led them to an anthrax contaminated letter in Connecticut. The CDC said the letter was processed the same day and in the same New Jersey facility as the anthrax-laced letters sent to senators Daschle and Leahy. That was the first letter found in Connecticut. A man who lived about a mile from a 94-year-old woman who died of inhaled anthrax said he

received the letter. Connecticut Governor John Rowland said no direct connection had been made between the two incidents.

### **ARTIFICIAL HEART**

#### **NOVEMBER 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 17)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that he was the first person to receive a fully self-contained artificial heart. That day Robert Tools died of internal bleeding and organ failure. His doctors said that Tools' death was not caused by problems with the heart device, which they implanted the previous July. The hospital said that the bleeding started the day before and his organs began failing overnight.

### **WINTER WORKOUT**

#### **NOVEMBER 5, noon-1pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that exercise was good for the mind and body, for your winter workout was different than in warmer months. Cold temperatures could cause muscle fatigue and stiffness, which increased your chances of joint injuries. So it would be very important to warm up properly.

### **HUMAN CLONING**

#### **NOVEMBER 8, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :13)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that not one but two companies announced that day that they had successfully cloned human embryos. A company called Clonaid announced that it too had cloned human embryos after another company announced it was the first to do so. The White House said President Bush was 100% opposed to the work but those doing it said it could save lives.

### **HEART HEALTH**

#### **NOVEMBER 8, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :10)**

KCAL9 reporter Dilva Henry reported that heart disease was the number one killer of both men and woman. But there was a simple screening test that let you know if you were at risk for a heart attack. Some doctors agreed it was the best tool in predicting the killer disease.

### **SMALLPOX VACCINE**

#### **NOVEMBER 12, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that the Federal Government was buying millions of doses of the smallpox vaccine at a cost of more than 400 million dollars. The Bush Administration signed a contract to buy more than 150 million doses of the vaccine. That worked out to just under \$3 a dose. The purchase would bring the nations' stockpile

to nearly 290 million doses enough for everyone in the country, by the end of the year.

### **SHUTTLE STUDY**

#### **NOVEMBER 13, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :28)**

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that when the space shuttle Endeavor blasted off from Florida there would be an important medical experiment on board. When astronauts were weightless in space they actually lost bone density because bones needed to carry weight to stay healthy. On that trip, a drug from the Biotech Company Amgen would be tested on mice to see if bone loss could be slowed or prevented. Researchers hoped the drug could be used on earth to help millions of people who suffered from the bone loss related to osteoporosis.

### **ANTHRAX**

#### **NOVEMBER 15, 3-4pm newscast (TRT:35)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that another case of anthrax turned fatal. 94-year old Ottilie Lundgren died just hours after the CDC confirmed it was a case of inhaled anthrax. The Connecticut woman went to the hospital complaining of respiratory problems. Investigators were questioning Lundgren's friends. It seemed she rarely left her home and had no ties to any previous targets.

### **HYPERTENSION**

#### **NOVEMBER 19, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :36)**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a new treatment for those with pulmonary arterial hypertension a deadly lung disorder. PAH often strikes young people in the prime of their lives. Until then the only approved treatment was a 24-hour intravenous delivery system implanted in the patient's heart or a lung transplant. The survival rate was poor. Patients only survived about five years after developing the disease. The Food and Drug Administration had approved a new drug treatment called traclear.

### **SNORING TREATMENT**

#### **NOVEMBER 23, noon-1pm newscast (TRT :28)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a new non-surgical treatment could help millions of Americans who snored every night. The procedure involved a shot; a needle right in the back of a patient's throat. Patients said it was worth it.

**SIDS INFORMATION****December 3, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :29)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that new research is giving doctors important insight into SIDS, sudden infant death syndrome. SIDS remains the leading cause of infant death in the first year of life and a Mayo Clinic study published found a gene that controls electronic signals to the heart had a defect in some SIDS cases. Researchers speculate this defect may cause fatal heart rhythm disturbances.

**ORGAN DONATIONS****December 3, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :19)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported the American Medical Association's council on ethical and judicial affairs has recommended supporting studies to find out if financial incentives will motivate more organ donations. Congress banned such financial incentives in 1984. The United network for Organ Sharing says only 1/3 of potentially valuable organs are donated. Fifteen thousand people die each year waiting for organ transplants.

**ELDERLY CANCER****December 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:11)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that the standard bone marrow transplant requiring a high dose of radiation and chemotherapy is too much for elderly cancer patients to handle. The answer may be what is being called a "mini bone marrow transplant".

**ANTHRAX UPDATE****December 4, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that new evidence now that contaminated mail caused the anthrax death of an elderly woman in Connecticut. Mail sorting machines in the southern part of the state have tested positive for anthrax spores. The theory now is that at some point mail addressed to 94-year-old Otilie Lundgren came into contact with real anthrax letters.

**OSTEOPOROSIS****December 7, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :35)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported drug companies are busy trying to develop new treatments for osteoporosis. Two new drugs are available that help reduce bone weakening and fractures. Another one under development would stimulate bone regeneration. An estimated 36 million Americans are likely to be affected by osteoporosis. Most are women.



**ECZEMA DRUGS****December 7, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :45)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that people who suffer the skin itching and embarrassment of Eczema might find new relief from a steroid-free topical drug. More than 15 million Americans suffer from outbreaks and the cases have nearly tripled since 1970. A new class of Eczema drugs called topical immuno-modulators may help.

**FOTO FINDER****December 10, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:12)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that there is word about a new technology that can help save lives. It's a computer system called the Foto Finder and it helps detect melanoma earlier than ever before. Melanoma is one of the most curable cancers, but only when it's caught early.

**OBESE KIDS EPIDEMIC****December 11, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:13)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that obesity and children is a national epidemic. The figures are staggering about the nation's children and those right here in LA.

**NEWBORN DISORDERS****December 12, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :40)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported on a new technology that is helping babies to be healthier. It's a screening device that will identify about 60 manageable disorders. Most tests can only pick up 6 to 8 treatable disorders.

**SAFER RX****December 13, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:43)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that pharmacists work hard to fill our prescriptions and we trust them with our very lives to be accurate. One pharmacist has written a book about potential problems behind the counter and what we can do about it.

**ARTIFICIAL HEART****December 13, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :20)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that the world's fourth artificial heart recipient has died. According to UCLA medical center, the unidentified patient was taken off life support yesterday. Doctors say the heart continued to function well, but the 74-year-old man

experienced persistent organ failures. He lived for 56 days with the artificial heart.

### **FDA/RED CROSS**

#### **December 13, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :22)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the government wants a federal judge in Washington, DC to hold the American Red Cross in contempt of court. The FDA says the organization has had persistent and serious violations of blood safety regulations for 16 years. Nearly a decade ago, there was a federal court order mandating improvements. The FDA wants the court to fine the Red Cross 10,000 dollars a day for each new violation it discovers. The Red Cross will fight the agency and insists the blood is safer than it has ever been.

### **VIAGRA DISCRIMINATION**

#### **December 13m 10-11pm newscast (TRT :39)**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that equal health coverage for women is the hot topic behind a proposed class-actions lawsuit against American Airlines. A flight attendant says the airline discriminates against women's health plans. She claims American has no problem paying for Viagra and prostate screenings for men but doesn't provide the same coverage for birth control, pap smears or fertility treatments for women.

### **ANTHRAX VACCINE**

#### **December 18, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :15)**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that health officials are now offering additional doses of the anthrax vaccine to those exposed. Plus and extra 40 days of antibiotics. It's a precaution ordered by the federal government that covers thousands of workers from Capitol Hill as well as postal workers.

### **CONTROLLING HEPATITIS**

#### **December 19, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 anchor medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that researchers think vaccinating young children against hepatitis A will reduce the spread of the virus. Hepatitis A is rarely fatal but because it is a virus that affects the liver, it makes a person very ill. The virus is transmitted by contaminated food or water and children are often affected.

### **TUMOR LASERS**

#### **December 12-1pm newscast (TRT :30)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that scientists are developing new x-ray technologies that could be the next wave in cancer detection. The earlier the disease is found the better the chances of survival. They are testing a new Gamma Ray lens designed to detect tumors as small as a grain of rice.

### **AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT**

#### **December 19, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:10)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that details are slowly coming in about Chick Hearn's heart surgery. She explains the procedure that will be done to this sports legend, which is not an uncommon surgery.

### **RED CROSS**

#### **December 19, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:59)**

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that three months before the Red Cross had people waiting in long lines to donate blood. Now the blood supply is low and then need the public's help.

### **ANTHRAX LATEST**

#### **December 20, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :15)**

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that federal officials are attempting to end the confusion about the anthrax vaccine. A consent form will explain pros and cons of the vaccination. It will be given to thousands of people who may have been exposed.

### **ANTHRAX INVESTIGATION**

#### **December 21, 9-10pm (TRT 2:10)**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported the anthrax contamination at a postal facility in Washington is more wide spread than originally suspected. Now more than 3,000 workers will have the anthrax vaccine made available to them.

### **YEAR ROUND SUNSCREEN**

#### **December 26, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT :35)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that doctors are recommending that people should wear sunscreen even in the winter when the sun is not the brightest. They also warn that checking your skin for changes is also important for early detection of skin abnormalities.

### **SUICIDE RISK**

#### **December 26, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:04)**

KCAL9 medical reporter Dilva Henry reported that while the holidays serve to remind many of us of our happy childhood years, a new

report finds that adults who attempt suicide were probably shortchanged on happiness early in life.

**MEDICAL INSURANCE****December 10-11pm newscast (TRT :28)**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that medical costs are soaring and so are health insurance premiums. Analysts expect them to increase as much as 130 percent starting next month. The healthcare industry blames it on skyrocketing prescription drug costs, high tech treatments and longer hospital stays.